

COMBINED WEED PROGRAM

CITY OF LINCOLN

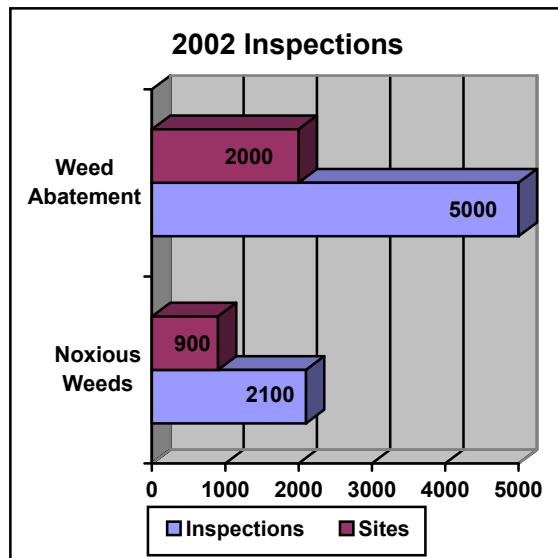
2002 Plan

Noxious Weed Control Authority

The Combined Weed Program for the City of Lincoln is administered by the Lancaster County Noxious Weed Control Authority as a result of an interlocal agreement between the City and County.

Management of Weeds

The authority plans on by making 7,100 inspections of 2,900 sites to encourage landowners to manage their noxious weeds and provide for weed abatement.



Weed Abatement

- Make 5,000 inspections of 2000 sites as a result of complaints received and observations by inspectors.
- Schedule advance inspections of 136 problem sites.

Noxious Weeds

- Make 2100 inspections of 900 sites.
- 700 sites have been pre-selected for inspection.
- Provide noxious weed control to the landfill sites.

Increase voluntary compliance

- Obtain 92% landowner compliance
- Contact owners with multiple violations or force cutting.

- Seek assistance and/or cooperation of Planning Department and realtor and building associations to obtain timely cutting by developers and homebuilders.
- Offer a list of violators with multiple violations to the media/newspapers.

Continue the Purple Loosestrife Exchange Program

- Recruit nurseries and garden centers to offer exchange plants at a discount
- Distribute informational material and public program
- Make program information including list of participating nurseries and garden centers available on InterLinc

Encourage control efforts on public lands and railroads.

- Update public land contacts.
- Contact, provide maps and follow-up to the 2 railroads.
- Continue to contract for weed control on landfill & recycling sites

Awareness

- Continue a Purple Loosestrife Information Campaign
- Provide neighbor friendly information on use of natural areas
- Update **Be Neighbor Friendly** brochures on noxious weeds and weed overgrowth
- Maintaining and updating Internet Homepage at www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/cnty/weeds
- Prepare Weed Awareness Insert to Cooperative Extension Service Nebline.
- Publish articles, display exhibit and make presentations.

Program Management

- Provide monthly reports to City Council, Mayor and County Commissioners.
- Prepare an annual plan and budget.
- Prepare annual report and recommendations.
- Utilize data base, GIS and field digital entry for managing program.
- Make map and inspection information available to the public.